

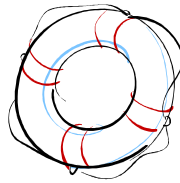
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Eastern Express

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From the Director....Kathy

Libraries Must Be a Safe Place: Emergency Situations at the Library



Libraries like every public space can and do have emergency situations arise. The most troubling ones are the ones that involve people and medical problems. ELS public library directors heard some good advice on how to handle these situations last month from Papillion Fire Chief Bill Bowes. He said that basic first aid may be critical. Chief Bowes started by saying that not to worry as far as aiding a customer, librarians are covered by the Good Samaritan Act.

Nebraska Good Samaritan Laws / 25-1,186

Emergency care at scene of emergency; persons relieved of civil liability, when. No person who renders emergency care at the scene of an accident or other emergency gratuitously, shall be held liable for any civil damages as a result of any act or omission by such person in rendering the emergency care or as a result of any act or failure to act to provide or arrange for medical treatment or care for the injured person. (Source: Laws 1961, c. 110, § 1, p. 349; Laws 1971, LB 458, § 1; R.S.1943, (1979), § 25-1152.)

Bowes also said on the question of if an ambulance should be called it is always better to be safe than sorry. When asked how to respond to certain conditions this was his response.

Diabetes—give sugar such as a soda, sugar water. Call 911 if person does not respond within minutes.

Asthma—call 911

Allergy—Use Epi Pen if available and call 911.

He said First Aid Kits need to be checked regularly and contain.

- Gloves
- Band aids
- 4 x 4 inch gauze pads & some type of gauze wrap
- Tape
- Ice pack

Library staff should be trained on CPR and if the library has one an AED (portable defibrillator).

Chief Bowes stressed the importance of having a disaster plan so the staff knows what to do in case of a fire (how to get everyone out) and call 911. He went on to say that the state adopts a fire code but a community can adopt a stricter code.

The importance of having a disaster plan also was discussed and that a public library should be included in the community and county plans and who to contact in their community and their county. Libraries can also provide space if a disaster occurs as they have the space and also the communications that would be needed. A list of directors/coordinators for counties can be found at the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency site at <www.nema.ne.gov/director-lists/director.html>.

Every library should have a disaster plan. If you don't or need to update the current plan, take a look at this web site: <www.dplan.org> to help you create one.

[Thanks to Robin Clark, Sump Memorial Library Director for this tip.]

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A HAPPY
NEW YEAR



January 27 - DIRECT Meeting, Bennington Public Library

January 30th – February 10th – Basic Skills – Library Services to Children & Youth. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp

February 10 - ELS Board Meeting, 9:30 am, Keene Memorial Library, Fremont

Remember that Public Library Statistical Surveys are due February 13, 2012.

February 13th – March 9th – Basic Skills – Organization of Library Materials. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp

February 24 - [Summer Reading Program Workshop](#) - Keene Memorial Library, Fremont (snow date...March 2) (see page 11)

March 10 - [School Library Day](#) (see page 12)

March 13-17 - Public Library Association Conference www.placonference.org

March 29 - Paraprofessional Section of NLA - Spring Meeting at Sump Memorial Library, Papillion

March 30 - DIRECT Meeting - UNO

April 13 - ELS Board Meeting - Offutt AFB

April 27-28 - Younkers Community Day Sale. ELS will be selling coupon booklets.

April 28, 2012 - The ELS 2nd Garage (Parking Lot) Sale. Please save your discards for us. We have some limited storage here at the office. Call if you would like to drop something off.

June 8th
Annual Meeting
La Vista Public Library



Legislative Day is now Advocacy Day

The Nebraska Library Association is sponsoring this annual event on February 27th. This year Advocacy Day will again start out at the State Capitol for coffee with state senators, staff members and fellow librarians. There will be the usual briefing at the Lincoln Woman's Club from Ken Winston, NLA's lobbyist and Rod Wagner, director of the Nebraska Library Commission. Janie Rutherford, from the State Library of Kansas, will talk about their "Snapshot" day program. Lunch at the Cornhusker is always a great time to visit with your senator and to recognize library volunteers from across the state. The Nebraska League of Municipalities will be holding their conference at the Cornhusker that day also and you are encouraged to visit with your city officials and the vendors after lunch. The registration form can be found here:

<http://nebraskalibraries.org/legislationadvocacy/advocacy-day/>

The Paraprofessional Section of NLA offering a limited number of scholarships to Para members to attend NLA Advocacy Day. The scholarship recipients will be asked to submit a brief statement about their experience at Advocacy Day. The statements will be posted to the Para Facebook page and blog. If you are interested submit a request to jennifer.wrampe@nebraska.gov by Feb. 1, please include your name, address, email, phone, and library affiliation.

Are you a member of the Nebraska Library Association or Nebraska Educational Media Association—if so, that's great!

But if you're not go to:

<http://nebraskalibraries.org/> to join the Nebraska Library Association for public, special and institutional libraries.

&

<http://schoolibrariesrock.org/> for school librarians. The goal of NEMA is to serve the school librarians of our state by providing educational programs, support, networking opportunities, and by being advocates for school librarians and school library programs throughout Nebraska.

Talking to Elected Officials: 10 Tips

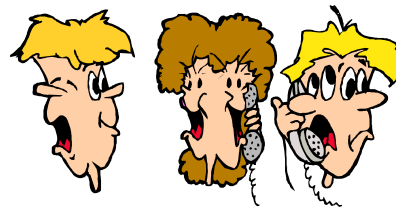
[The following tips were supplied by Lyn Hopper, the featured speaker during the Friends of South Carolina Libraries annual meeting in April 2011]

1. Library Trustees and Friends are worth 10 librarians. Librarians are seen as having a vested interest; Trustees and Friends are volunteers who are trying to make the community better.
2. Your efforts must be in concert with your library director. Work with your director to develop an advocacy plan and a consistent message. This cannot be overemphasized.
3. Lobbying is not just at budget time. Meet with your legislators at home, invite them to library events, and stay in touch year round. Thank them frequently for what they do for your library.
4. Know exactly who you need to talk to. Who can influence the result you want? Sometimes a legislative aide is the key person.
5. Be specific with "the ask." What specific action do you need your legislator to take? How many dollars do you need for your project?
6. Talk about the private funds that will match the government funding. Will the money you are requesting be an incentive for getting more grants or financial support from private donors and foundation?
7. Help library supporters by sending action alerts. These give details about the needs and ensure that your message and timing are consistent.
8. Be useful. How can you help the busy legislator with information needs? Libraries are in the information business. Make your connection to your elected official a profitable one for him or her.
9. Don't bore your funding sources. A quote from "Getting Political" by Anne M. Turner: "The fire chief can afford to bore people to death—nobody challenges the need for fire department. Libraries and their supporters cannot."
10. Have fun. Politicians are people too. Find opportunities to interact casually as well as in formal presentations. Keep a friendly demeanor and use humor when appropriate.

Virtual Library Legislative Day (for those who cannot make it to Capitol Hill for the event) is part of the American Library Association's National Library Legislative Day on April 24, 2012. For more information go to:
www.ala.org/nlld.

Talking to Young People— Tips for Great Conversations

[from *American Libraries*]



- Take time to walk around the library and strike up conversations with young people. Go beyond the reference interview or traditional reader's advisory gambits.
- Encourage teens to talk to each other as well as to you. Include discussion time at programs.
- Post a provocative or humorous question of the day at the ends of stacks or on tables. If teens don't spontaneously start talking, you be the facilitator.
- Do regular interviews with random teens in the library to find out what they think is important and interesting. Get them started talking, and they will find it hard to stop. Use what you learn from them to develop good teen service and collections.
- Remember that you are the moderator of facilitator, not the expert.
- Listen!
- Humor is the secret weapon in bonding conversationally with teens. Enjoy their sarcasm and irreverence, and be a little corny yourself.
- Laugh together.

Why Does the World Need Libraries?

[Seen in *Stacks of News*, the newsletter of the Southeast Kansas Library System]

From Liz Turner, Library Director at Oswego KS Public Library:

"The Saturday after Thanksgiving, a gentleman who comes to the Oswego Library when he visits family for the holidays came to the library to ask a special request. It seems this VP of marketing was going to be doing some classes online. Nothing unusual? To our library it was. He was teaching by Skype to individuals in Russia and he needed a room for the classes. Of course the library accommodated him. At the end of his last class he took his computer around the library and showed the student, while explaining what different parts of the library were and how the library works for the public and its patrons. He then turned the laptop around and introduced me to his student...a great experience for me. Before he left he thanked me and said that he knew the library is the one place in the town he knew he could get Wifi and the help he needed. He was very thankful for the use of the library.

**There it is: why the world
needs libraries!**



The La Vista Public Library is offering these classes.

February 16 — Taking Control of Retirement. General retirement statistics as well as options for different ways to save for retirement, options during

retirement to provide a consistent income.

March 15 — Saving for College — Average cost of college, different ways to pay, what to expect in the future and general information on different plans that are out there to help save for college.

Also offered as part of their Wellness Series:

Wednesday, February 15 — “Balancing Your Life” Six dimensions of balance and guidelines for achieving harmony in your personal and professional life.

Wednesday, March 21 — “Flexibility: It’s an Easier Stretch than You Might Think” Learn how to make stretching a relaxing and highly enjoyable experience.

Wednesday, April 18 — “Emotional Intelligence and Resiliency.” Discuss the factors necessary to become emotionally intelligent and resilient.

Each session 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sign up for one class or the whole series. For more information, contact Jan Bolte at 402-537-3900.



From Gayle Roberts, director of the Blair Public Library

Dear Ladies who have been my mentors and friends....I received an award a while ago (wording below) and I had to share the news with someone! --- but even better was the huge outpouring of support from the Mayor and City Council afterwards as to the difference I have made here in Blair and in the library – and the steadfast commitment they now have to building our new building. One council member told me “I’ve made this the place to be.... We did not know it could be so.” You know me .. a few tears... lol

Supervisors and Directors

For her tremendous passion and zeal for her department and its mission of serving the public; for her leadership in overseeing the complete staff transition of her department over the last few years; and for her professionalism and patience while the future location of her department is agonizingly on hold; the 2011 Supervisor/Manager of the Year Award was awarded to **Gayle Roberts**.

I could not have reached this point without all your teachings and leadership .. thank you!!! [Editor’s Note: Congrats, Gayle - you deserve this award.]

News from Francine Canfield, director of the Baright Library in Ralston

The Baright Public Library added Playaway Views to the children’s collection in October. Each View holds several books on a small handheld, self-contained device similar in size to a i-touch; a charger is included in each case. A narrator reads the story while the child watches the screen. Because the pages of the book are scanned and set to music, the listening and viewing experience is enriched. These stories-on-the-go are handy for travelling and convenient for busy parents. Each View runs about an hour and checks out for four weeks, like our books.

Our youth services librarians demonstrated them to our customers who were initially confused with the orange carrying case, the Playaway trademark. Once they realized the convenience, they started checking them out.

The View fit into our collection as an extension of the literary experience, like our popular story times. Because hearing the spoken word is important in developing literacy skills, the Playaway View provides another way for children to increase their literacy skills.

For budget considerations, each View costs between \$99.99 and \$119.99. Defective devices are easily exchanged at no cost. The collection was initiated with 20 titles. Additional Views will be added annually.

Retiring

After 40 years with Nebraska Methodist College, Angela Arner is retiring the end of January. According to her supervisor, Angie has provided the College and the Health System high quality library service and professionalism, always with a kind and gentle spirit.

Ashland Public Library

Heather St. Clair is the new director at Ashland. Welcome Heather.

Keene Memorial Library, Fremont

Janet Davenport is the newly hired director at Keene. Laura England-Biggs is now their Youth Services Librarian.

Creighton University

Monica Rogers is the new Health Literacy Coordinator/Liaison of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine at Creighton University Health Sciences Library.

School and Public Library Collaboration: A Win-Win Situation



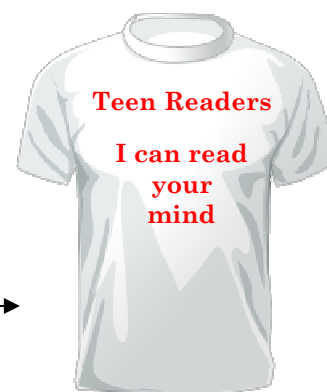
Maureen & Dee

The school teacher-librarian, Maureen Olsen, at Ralston Middle School and the youth services librarian Dee Huff from the Baright Public Library in Ralston recently spoke at an ELS CLICK meeting about how they have been cooperating and collaborating on getting 7th and 8th grade students to read for several years now with great success. Both agree it has been well-worth the effort plus a lot of fun.

It started when Dee approached the school to see if you could to see if she could conduct a book club over the lunch hour at the middle school. The two women put their heads together and came up with a plan. They named their book club, The Lunch Bunch since it meets over the two lunch periods one Friday a month. Students can get a Lunch Line Leaper Pass to go to the head of the lunch line so they can attend. The group averages 15-30 kids each session but has had as many as 60-70 students when reading and discussing popular titles such as *Twilight* and *The Hunger Games*. Attendance also increased when a teacher gave extra credit to attend. Both say it works better with a smaller group that is there to just read and discuss.

Maureen and Dee cautioned that you have to be ready for this age group as they are very active and talkative, so in addition to talking about the book, the skill of listening needs to be encouraged.

When the middle school students move on to the high school they wanted to continue in a book club, so a group of Ralston Readers was formed. This group does not always read the same book and are more laid back than the middle school readers. A core group of readers tend to stick with the club, others drop in and out. The high school has three groups that also meet over lunch. The Ralston Readers have a red T-shirt that says



“Just kidding, but I can read your biography. (on the back). This was the winning design in a t-shirt contest sponsored by the high school group. When incoming readers from the middle school enter high school, they are given a T-shirt to welcome them to the group.

The book clubs do a lot of fun things in addition to reading books. They have had movie nights together, such as to see *Twilight* when they filled the theater. They also had Harry Potter costume party, made READ posters, trivia contests, bingo, and scavenger hunts they can do at both the school and the public libraries.

A big event was this fall when all the libraries cooperated in bringing Neal Shusterman, author of the very popular book *Unwind*, to the Ralston High School. Shusterman was on a tour across Nebraska which was sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission and the Nebraska Regional Library Systems and made possible through grants to the Nebraska Library Commission from the Nebraska Arts Council, the Nebraska Humanities Council, and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment.

The first question Shusterman was asked at his Ralston presentation had to do with existentialism and his book *Unwind*. This really set the tone of the presentation. Shusterman later commented on his Facebook page: **My Nebraska week has come to an end. Fantastic week! Spoke to more than 1,000 students each day. Ralston MS and HS today takes the award for the best questions I've ever been asked!**

Dee Huff and Maureen Olsen have done an outstanding job of getting kids to read and discuss. Students like using email to discuss the books they have read and show an “unabashed love of literature” in this social medium.

They encourage other school / public library collaboration and offer these tips:

- Don't be concerned with small numbers.
- Involve your school administrators and your public library director in the planning and keep them informed.
- You must have a passion for books and really like kids.

FYI



Talking Book Advisory Committee Seeks Nominees

Three vacancies currently exist on the Advisory Committee to the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Service. The purpose of the committee is to represent the needs of talking book and Braille borrowers and to make recommendations concerning library policies, services, and programs. Membership consists primarily of library users but may include librarians, educators, health care providers, and others who understand the needs of individuals with disabilities. The committee normally meets twice a year.

The Talking Book and Braille Service provides free talking books, magazines, playback equipment, and Braille to any resident of Nebraska who cannot see regular print, or hold a book, or turn its pages. Books and magazines are received and returned through the mail postage-free or are downloaded directly from the Internet. Persons interested in serving on the committee should contact Talking Book and Braille Service, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023 by April 1, 2012. Phone: 402-471-4038 or 800-742-7691, fax: 402-471-6244, e-mail:

nlc.talkingbook@nebraska.gov or nlc.talkingbook@nebraska.gov.

21st Century Librarian 2012 Internship Grant Program

Feb. 15, 2012 is the deadline to accept applications for the Nebraska Library Commission/Nebraska Library Association 21st Century Librarian 2012 Internship Grant program. The deadline is set so early so that notifications of award go out by March 15, in order for libraries to have time to advertise their openings if they're offering summer internships.

The Nebraska Library Commission offers this program as a way to **increase awareness of careers in libraries**. Interns learn about the library profession and library educational opportunities. The added benefit to libraries is that they often expand programming, bring in fresh faces, and rejuvenate their enthusiasm for work in libraries.

Accredited Nebraska public libraries may ap-

ply. The applicant may partner with other types of libraries to provide a variety of work settings. Partnership projects (for example, accredited public library/school library media center) are encouraged. Libraries who have never applied for or received an internship grant are strongly encouraged to apply.

Apply today! More information is available at <http://nlc1.nlc.state.ne.us/nowhiring/internship/InternshipsInfo.asp>.

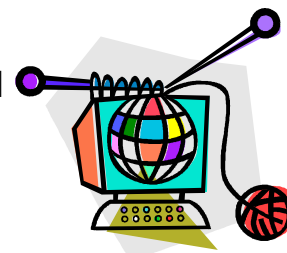
Julie Pinnell has accepted the position of Director of the Doane College Library beginning January 18, 2012. Lisa Kelly, Information Services Director at the Nebraska Library Commission and co-worker with Julie, tells us that Julie joined NLC in 1995 with a two-year old son and leaves with that same son in the UNL marching band and two additional children. Congratulations to Julie and the Perkins Library at Doane.



Interesting websites

[seen in VOYA, December 2011]

- Pinterest—
<http://www.pinterest.com> is an online “pinboard” that features links to all types of websites grouped by subject. Each link shows a photograph from the site. Although all of the boards are not specifically library related, there are board on many topics from food to crafts to interior design, many with useful ideas for those who work with teens. Readers need to ask to be invited to create a personal pinboard, but all that is required is an email address.
- If you need creative and inexpensive projects for kids or teens try these three sites:
<http://www.makingfriends.com>
<http://www.craftzine.com>
<http://www.dollarstorecrafts.com>



From Stephanie Kuenn, [Web Services Manager
at American Library Association]

Young Adult Library Services Association

YALSA selected five books as finalists for the 2012 YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults, which honors the best nonfiction books written for young adults between Nov. 1, 2010 and Oct. 31, 2011. YALSA will name the 2012 award winner at the Youth Media Awards on Jan. 23, during the American Library Association's Midwinter Meeting in Dallas.

The 2012 finalists are:

- ***Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom and Science*** written by Marc Aronson and Marina Budhos, published by Clarion Books, an imprint of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
- ***Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawless Years of Prohibition*** written by Karen Blumenthal, published by Flash Point/Roaring Brook Press, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.
- ***Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom (With a Few Flat Tires Along the Way)*** written by Sue Macy, published by National Geographic Children's Books.
- ***Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein*** written by Susan Goldman Rubin, published by Charlesbridge.
- ***The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism, & Treachery*** written by Steve Sheinkin, published by Flash Point/Roaring Brook Press, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Annotations and more information on the finalists and the award can be found at

www.ala.org/yalsa/nonfiction.



Booklist magazine has announced its "Top of the List" winners for 2011. The eight winning titles were chosen from the annual Editors' Choice selections as the best books and media of 2011.

Go to: <http://www.booklistonline.com/Top-of-the-List-2011/pid=5228909> to see the titles and read the reviews.

Presenters Fair Was Great [from Nancy]

If you didn't come or didn't send someone on Friday the 13th you missed out on a wonderful opportunity to meet and get information from a dozen programs presenters. It was a cold day outside but inside Sump Memorial Library in Papillion it was warm with laughter, balloon shapes, magicians, puppets, science displays and (my favorite) the little three-legged alligator.

Many thanks to all the staff at Sump for being so helpful and accommodating.

Mad Science of Iowa— Jim Birkel



Poppin' Penelope and her amazing balloon figures



Kip Smith with Wildlife Encounters

Resources for Youth Services & School Librarians

The Nebraska State Reading Association Conference is in Kearney on February 23-25. Go to www.nereads.org for more information. This is the 39th annual conference. Great opportunity to connect with fellow educators, with books, with authors, with specialists, and with lots of great ideas.



Idea for Your Book Clubs

[from Courtney Pentland, Burke High School]

Each year, though a generous grant, the Burke High School library has been able to bring in a young adult author to visit with students. In years past, we have elected to have a personal visit from an author, which can be quite expensive, even if you share with other schools. This year, instead of one large visit, our student led book club elected to conduct a series of SKYPE visits with authors instead. Each quarter students will read at least one book by and then speak via SKYPE with a young adult author. We are excited about this program for many reasons. First, students will have the chance to read books in multiple genres and interact with a larger author base. Also, there are many young adult authors who will conduct a 45-60 minute author visit for considerably less than it would cost for a full day visit plus expenses. There are also many authors who will do a 20 minute SKYPE visit for FREE! By doing virtual visits, we will be able to conduct four author visits for about half what it would cost to bring an author physically to our school. We have run into one small, but wonderful problem, though. Our book club has grown considerably from 5 members last year to over 30 this year! This growth has made it difficult to locate enough books for students without going out and buying a copy for each student.

Luckily, we have received support from our colleagues in other schools in our district, our parent organization, and the Eastern Library System to make our SKYPE visits possible. The book bag program through ELS has served us well in the past and continues to do so by supplying us with enough copies for each student for one of our authors!

To learn more about virtual author visit programs and authors available for SKYPE visits, visit <http://skypeanauthor.wetpaint.com/>

Book Club Choices Now Available Online

[from *American Libraries*]

The book reviews featured in the current and past issues of *The Voice* are now available on www.ala.org/altaff. Click on "Friends Groups," then "Book Club Choices." This is a great resource for book clubs.

Reading is Not Optional is the theme of the newly appointed National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, Walter Dean Myers. Mr. Myers is a five-time winner of the Coretta Scott Kin Award and two Newbery Honors. For more information go to:

<http://www.read.gov/cfb/ambassador/>



2012 is a Leap Year
February 29th (leap day) is coming. Here is a chance to teach kids the reasons we add a day to the

calendar and even some of the folk traditions of the past. www.timeanddate.com/date/leapyear.html

Presidential Crossword

[*Library Sparks*, February 2012]

February 20th is President's Day. Challenge your kids, adults too, with a reproducible crossword puzzle to test their presidential knowledge.

Go to: www.librarysparks.com. Thankfully, an answer key is provided.

The next CLICK meeting is March 9th at the Valley Public Library, 9:30 am. Our guest will be Laurie Basile from the Early Childhood Training Center in Omaha. Please let Frankie Kirkwood know if you plan to come.

mkirkwood@valley.omhcoxmail.com

Eastern Library System Board Meeting Minutes



The December 9th board meeting to be held at the Valley Public Library was cancelled due to the weather. An online meeting via email was held. All board reports were emailed to the board the previous week.

Items started required board approval. Those approving—Gayle Roberts, Scott Berryman, Marie Reidelbach, Robin Bernstein, David Privett, Joyce Neujahr, Rosa Schmidt, Tammy Lorenz, Gail Formanack.

Minutes of the October 14, 2011, meeting will be approved at the February board meeting.

*The October and November, 2011, treasurer's reports will be filed for audit.

Correspondence - thank you notes will be read at the next board meeting.

Executive Director's Report - the report was attached. Sales tax needs to be collected for fundraising events. Nancy is applying for a sales tax permit.

Report from the Nebraska Library Commission was attached.

Committee Reports:

Nominating—An email was sent to the nominating committee as to the procedure on how board members will be selected which was approved by the board. Board members going off the board are: Robin Bernstein, Gail Formanack, and Marie Reidelbach. David Privett has served one term and is willing to run for reelection.

Fundraising - A report on previous fundraising events was presented.

Technology - The committee met and is working on some possible workshops.

Continuing Education - The committee met and is working on the annual meeting which will be held on June 8th at the La Vista Public Library.

Advocacy - Legislative Day is February 27th. Kathy is on the NLA Legislative Committee and will be attending a meeting on December 14th.

*Old Business: Approval of arrangements for System director vacation - beginning and ending dates, donation back to ELS and the use of the system car.

New Business:

The audit for 2010-2011 is completed and will be handed out at the February meeting and approved.

Technology Plan - the plan has been approved by the Nebraska Library Commission and will be approved by the board at the February meeting.

Internet Use Policy - this policy is needed for E-Rate and will be approved at next meeting.

Respectfully compiled by Nancy Meyer,
Administrative Assistant.

Upcoming Board Meetings

February 10, 2012 - Keene Memorial Library,
Fremont

April 13, 2012—Thopmas S. Power Base
Library, Offutt

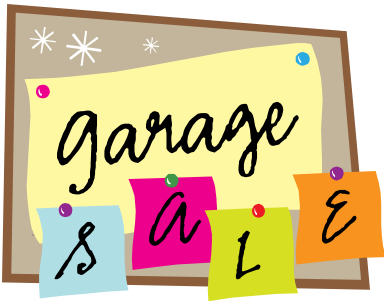
June 8, 2012—Annual Meeting at La Vista
Public Library

Fundraising

Eastern Library System is busy raising funds to provide better programs and services for its members. Call the system office for more info.

Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR

There will be a Spring Book Fair at the Barnes & Noble store at Oakview Mall. More information will be coming. Plan to shop and mention ELS when you check out.



Garage (parking lot) Sale - April 28, 2012

Weed your stuff and give it to us!

We will store your items.

Silent Auction

There will be a silent auction at the ELS Annual Meeting—June 8, 2012 at the La Vista Public Library. You'll be able to bid online too!



Dream Big



Eastern Library System Summer Reading Workshop 2012

February 24, 2012

Keene Memorial Library

1030 North Broad Street, Fremont

- 9:00 - 9:30 am Registration & Refreshments
9:30 - 10:30 Nebraska Author, [John Kalkowski](#)
John Kalkowski has been a middle school language arts teacher for thirteen years; he lives in Omaha, with his wife and two children. **Red Cell** is his first novel about a hero named Will who figures out a connection between a commercial and a terrorist plot.
10:30 - 11:00 Break and Book Signing (\$11.95 for the **Red Cell** paperback...includes tax)
11:00-12:00 Book Reviews by Sally Snyder
Noon-12:45 Lunch
1:00-3:00 Share Time - Bring a book, craft, program or other idea to share.
(please bring 40 copies of your idea/bibliography)

Cost: \$17 (checks to ELS) which includes lunch
6 hours of continuing education credit

YOU MUST SEND YOUR REGISTRATION BY FEBRUARY 17TH. You may pay at the door if necessary but please indicate that on your registration and mail or fax (402-330-1859) by the due date. [Don't wait on your city to send it!](#)

Name _____

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Snow date: March 2nd.
Please call the office if the weather looks bad on the 24th.

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Eastern Library System
11929 Elm Street, Suite 18
Omaha, NE 68144

School Librarians' Day
March 10, 2012
University of Nebraska @ Omaha, Roskens Hall, UNO Campus

8:00-8:25 am

Coffee and Refreshments



Session I (8:30-9:20)

_____ Intellectual Freedom: Managing Collections in Diverse P-12 Schools
Laura Pietsch, OPS and Dr. Becky Pasco, UNO - Room 302

Session II (9:30-10:20) Book Reviews

_____ Elementary - Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission - Room 302

OR

_____ Secondary - Paul Christopherson, Omaha Public Library - Room 304



10:30-10:45

Break

Session III(10:50-11:40 am)

_____ Ebooks for School Libraries—Mary Reiman, Nancy Larimer & Melody Kenney, Lincoln Public Schools - Room 302



11:45-12:15

Lunch

Session IV (12:20-1:20 pm)

_____ Talk Tables (morning sessions topics) -20-minutes per table



Rooms 302 & 304

Session V (1:30-2:20 pm)

_____ Marketing Your Library—Courtney Pentland and Becky Nicholson, OPS - Room 304

Session VI (2:30-3:20pm)

_____ Social Media & School Libraries—Wendy Grojean and Bridget Kratt, UNO - Room 302

Please mark the sessions you will be attending

Cost—\$20 (includes lunch). Please register by **March 3rd**. Make checks to ELS and mail to:

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